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Community Involvement

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Back-to-School Festival Board,
Founder

Holy Redeemer Institutional
Church of God in Christ,
Member



Dear Friend,

First let me thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and gestures during the Coggs family's bereavement. We appreciate your kindness and thank you. Please keep Kara (Brenda Coggs) Muhammad in your thoughts and prayers as well.



In this edition, my goal is to give you a better understanding of the Vision for Vliet Street mission. This area is so critical to the development of the center part of the county...so let me share the story....Approximately ten years ago, I started a taskforce called **"Vision for Vliet"**. The goal for this entity was the revitalization of Vliet Street from 12th to 17th Streets. Many asked me why I took on this role. Milwaukee County has a substantial investment in this area.

My promise has always been to maintain this great investment of Milwaukee County through the Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Center (12th & Vliet Streets) and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center and Park (15th – 17th on Vliet Streets). So, we started working and walking by faith. Today, look how far we have come working by faith. Not so long ago, an economic development organizer approached me regarding replacements of windows on the first floor of what was known as the old "welfare building". The building looked typical of any welfare building in the County; dark, dreary and closed-up.

The original **"Vision for Vliet"** group was made up of representatives from the City, County, residents and businesses from Vliet Street including the Repairers of the Breach. I really want to commend Jim Tietjen from Milwaukee County and Sister MacCannon Brown from Repairers of the Breach for their support since the beginning of this mission.

Today, we have accomplished a lot, but we still have a long road ahead. Now we stand at the crossroads and are working to get the City of Milwaukee and the Vliet Street businesses to get back involved. In the next five years this area will be the new "Gold Coast" of Milwaukee and my effort is to revitalize in a diversified manner with a combination of human and social services, businesses, community center and the park. Our next steps from the concerns of the neighbors living in the area are... **to clean up the area and get façade improvements and that is the upcoming mission!**

At our meeting in April, residents shared concerns regarding the streets, litter, overgrown vegetation, furniture packing debris and the overall sanitation issues in the area. So if you have concerns and want to share them with representatives from the City of Milwaukee Government, come to our next meeting and let your voice be heard.

**JOIN US AT THE REPAIRER'S OF THE BREACH FOR THEIR OPEN HOUSE
1335 W. VLIET STREET - 11 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2006**

**REPAIRER'S OF THE BREACH ARE MOVING AHEAD WITH AN EXTREME
MAKEOVER... PLEASE COME AND SHARE IN THE GOOD NEWS AT THEIR OPEN
HOUSE!**

**Join us as we meet with representatives from the City of
Milwaukee at the Marcia P. Coggs Human Services
Center, 1220 West Vliet Street, Room 104
Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at 5:30pm.**

SAVE THE DATE

**Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Back to School Festival
August 12, 2006**

Make sure you place on your calendar the date **Saturday, August 12, 2006!** Tell your friends and family this is one event you do not want to miss! Join King Advisory, Incorporated by volunteering at this worthwhile community event. There will be a talent show, gospel explosion, games, celebrity basketball game, distribution of book bags & school supplies, delicious foods, and a wonderful safe day in the park. Volunteers are needed to work with the thousands of people attending this event.

**Dr. Martin L. King, Jr Back to School Festival
Volunteer Kick-Off Celebration**

COME ONE, COME ALL, this kick off is open to the public and will be held on
Wednesday, June 21, 2006 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p. m. at Gene's Supper Club located at 4323 North 60th Street.

**We thank Mr. Eugene Smith and Gene's Supper Club
for being a Bronze Sponsor for the past 5 years.**

Thank You Gene!

Volunteers will receive door prizes, food and learn more about volunteering opportunities during the Annual Dr. King Festival. For questions please give me a call at (414) 278-4265.

Until The Next Time....I Wish You Peace and Blessings!
Beth

